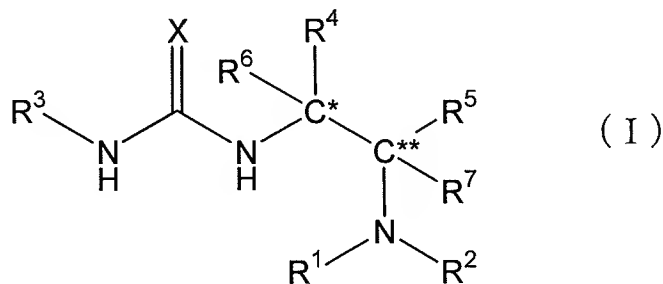


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A compound represented by the formula (I):



wherein

X is ~~an oxygen atom~~ or a sulfur atom;

C* and C** are each independently an asymmetric carbon;

R¹ and R² are

the same or different and each is methyl, ethyl or isopropyl, or form isoindoline together with the nitrogen atom they are bonded to a lower alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s) or an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or R¹ and R² optionally form, together with the nitrogen atom they are bonded to, an aliphatic heterocycle optionally having substituent(s) (the aliphatic heterocycle is optionally condensed with an aromatic hydrocarbon);

R³ is

a lower alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s) or a heteroaryl group optionally having substituent(s);

R⁴ and R⁵ are

the same or different and each is a lower alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s) or an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or R⁴ and R⁵ optionally form, together with the asymmetric carbons they are respectively bonded to, a homocyclic ring optionally having substituent(s) or a heterocycle optionally having substituent(s); and

R⁶ and R⁷ are

the same or different and each is a hydrogen atom or a lower alkyl group optionally having substituent(s),

or a salt thereof.

2. (canceled).

3. (currently amended): The compound of claim ~~4~~19, wherein R⁴ and R⁵ form, together with the asymmetric carbons they are respectively bonded to, cyclopropane, cyclobutane, cyclopentane or cyclohexane, ~~or a salt thereof~~.

4. (currently amended): The compound of claim 3, wherein R⁴ and R⁵ form cyclohexane together with the asymmetric carbons they are respectively bonded to, and R⁶ and R⁷ are each a hydrogen atom, ~~or a salt thereof~~.

5. (currently amended): The compound of claim 4, wherein the absolute configurations of C* and C** are both S-configurations or both R-configurations, ~~or a salt thereof.~~

6. (canceled).

7. (canceled).

8. (canceled).

9. (canceled).

10. (canceled).

11. (canceled).

12. (canceled).

13. (canceled).

14. (canceled).

15. (canceled).

16. (canceled).

17. (new): The compound of claim 1, wherein R⁴ and R⁵ form a C₃₋₇ cycloalkane together with the asymmetric carbons they are respectively bonded to.

18. (new): (R,R)-trans-1-[3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl]-3-[2-(N,N-dimethylamino)cyclohexyl]thiourea.

19. (new): The compound of claim 1, wherein R⁴ and R⁵ optionally form, together with the asymmetric carbons they are respectively bonded to, a homocyclic ring optionally having substituent(s) or a heterocycle optionally having substituent(s).